

Application No. 09/599,057

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 5, line 11 through line 18, with the following paragraphs:

01 First, the funnel 5 has a body 50a formed contiguous to a seal surface of the panel 3, and a cone 50b formed between the body 50a (at point T') and the neck 9 (at point O'), as shown in FIG. 1. Point O' is the end of the neck 9, at which the curved cone starts, as shown in FIG. 1. As shown, point T' is the inflection point formed where the concaved cone part 50b connects to the convexed body 50a.

The inventors of the present invention improve the shape of the cone 50b. According to a first embodiment of the present invention, reference Z indicates an axis of symmetry of the cathode ray tube, while reference O indicates an origin which is an end of the cone 50b next to the neck 9 on the Z axis. Reference L is an entire length of the cone 50b between the body 50a (at point T) and the neck 9 (at point O), which is measured on the axis of symmetry Z.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending in the application. In the Office action of December 10, 2002, claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a manner as to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention. Additionally, claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point